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Profits of Small Farms in Alberta.

By Mr. John West, of Wetaskiwin.

THE HEAD AND TAIL.
Of the matter is simply this—beef cut from all animals is tough, lacks flavor, and is deficient in nourishing juices. We prefer to sell flesh of

YOUNG STOCK.
It is delicious, tender, rich and nourishing. No better meat than that sold by

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Commodious sample rooms
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Mr. President and Gentlemen:—At the last annual meeting of this Society, I was asked to prepare a paper on the profits of raising hogs for market. In thinking the matter over I came to the conclusion that it would be unwise to confine an essay to pigs alone, for the reason that the pig is so closely related to the other departments in the business of farming, that a fair estimate cannot be given without including some of the other branches. Although I have taken the liberty of changing the name of this paper, yet it will treat with pig raising. I prefer to call this paper "An Essay on the Profits of Small Farms in Alberta."

On account of the cheapness of land in Alberta, people naturally fall into the temptation of skimming over a large acreage. The purpose of this paper is to show that in many ways this is a mistake:
1st.—That it is not profitable.

I will course the size of farms for profit must depend on the amount of capital and the help available. In order to, more fully illustrate this subject, I have prepared a chart of a farm containing 80 acres of land. This farm is divided as follows:—Six fields of ten acres each and four fields of five acres each. The farm buildings are placed 10 chains from the front, with lanes leading to each field. The product of each field for one season is marked on the plan in order to more fully explain the estimates given. Also attached to this paper is a plan of a combined root cellar, boiler house, chicken house and granary.

This from a business point of view is the most important adjunct of the farm, and the estimates given cannot be worked out without this building or something similar that will answer this purpose.

This building is the workshop of the farm and upon the warmth, cleanliness

PLAN OF FARM—Showing first year's rotation of Crops.

Oats—10 Acres.	Wheat—10 Acres.	Pasture—Brome Grass, 5 Acres.	Brome Grass, 10 Acres.
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		Alfalfa and Vetches, 5 Acres.	

2nd.—It crowds the work on the farm into small periods of the year.

3rd.—It places the farmer in the position that he cannot get help when necessary.

4th.—It fills the land with noxious weeds.

5th.—It tends to sparse settlement of the country and that leads to high taxes, bad roads and poor schools.

In the richest and most settled countries the holdings are small; but in this country where land is cheap of

and management of this building depends the success or failure of the business.

The main portion of this building is used for cooking purposes and storage of ground grain, and should have a well sunk in one corner as shown on plan, so that water will be handy to the mixing vats, and pump should be placed in this well; the stock would be watered from this pump by placing a trough outside the building and supplying the water through the wall.

The cellar beneath this building would be used for the storage of roots; the loft, which is heated from the boiler house, is the hen's sleeping apartment. The lean to the south is the feeding room for the hens and has a glass front. The lean to the north is used for storing grain.

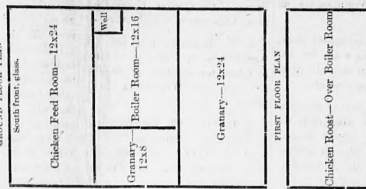
Starting with broken land, it will require two years to get the rotation of crops as shown on the plan. The live stock will then consist of 10 milch cows, 3 brood sows, and 2 horses.

The sows should have long bodies with deep bellies, strong backs and loins, and should be kept breeding until four years old. Three sows

whole wheat. From the 1st of March add a little cayenne pepper to the boiled feed and gradually discontinue in the spring and substitute a diet of whole wheat. If fed too liberally, hens will grow fat and stop laying. Good judgment must be used in giving the right amount of food. The sleeping apartment should be swept out once a day and a little shacked line scattered over the floor once a week. The walls and ceiling should be whitewashed spring and fall.

A good supply of dry sand and lime should be kept continuously in the feeding room. A little cheap refuse from the slaughter house fed to the

THE WORKSHOP—Estimated cost, \$600.



should be bred to farrow on the 1st of April, and two sows to farrow on the 1st of December. This should give an average of 18 young pigs in winter and 46 pigs in summer, exclusive of the brood sows. The young pigs in winter should receive a liberal supply of boiled roots mixed with ground grain, given plenty of clean dry straw for bedding, and have plenty of room for exercise. In the summer the whole lot should be kept in the two fields of brome grass and vetches and oats, and should also be fed a liberal allowance of rape. The cows should be turned into the hog pastures—both grass and grain—in sufficient time to keep the growth from being too rank, as the hogs thrive best on short tender pasture. While the pigs are out on the pastures they should have a liberal allowance of well, made from ground wheat, oats and barley and what milk can be spared from the calves; always reserve the milk for the younger pigs. Hogs managed in this way should make one pound live weight each day they live.

Hens, during the winter, should have a mixed ration of boiled roots and grain with a small allowance of hens during the winter will very much increase the supply of eggs. In summer the hens should have an outer yard of at least half an acre. Cows during the winter should have a warm stable or shed at night and during the daytime turned loose in a well sheltered yard. This should have a liberal supply of straw every day, and night and morning the cows should be well fed with hay. Cows should drop their calves about the 1st of March. From time of calving until turned loose on grass, each cow should receive a morning ration of two quarts of ground wheat, oats and barley mixed and put into a bucket of hot water until cold enough for use. By the month of June the calves will be old enough to take a light ration of ground grain and spare a portion of milk for the young pigs.

Reference to the plan attached will give the rotation of crops desirable. I have also attached an estimate of the receipts and expenditures as it should be in a normal year after the farm has been brought into a good state of cultivation. A glance at the foot note at the bottom of statement will show the relative proportion of

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Money secured without delay on improved property.

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These prices are on special lines and are good until this advertisement is changed.

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Good Broom, 20c.
Rope, any size, 15c. per lb.
Washboards, 20c.
Silver Polish, guaranteed, 20c.
Cylinder Oil, \$1 grade, 90c.
Mushrat Traps, size 0, \$1.75 per dozen.
" " 1, \$2.25

Kitchen Chairs, 45c.
Muralo Cold Water Paint, warranted not to rub off on clothes, 60c. 5 lbs.
Bedstead, Springs and Mattress, \$9.
14 foot logging Chain, 5-16 link, \$2.
Copper Boilers, No. 8, \$3.75.
Copper Boilers, No. 9, \$4.25.
Soiled Clothes Basket, 3-ft high, cover, \$1.75.

Furniture Polish, 25c. size, 15c.
Hatchets, only 20c.
Hunters' Hand Axes, 50c.
Scouring Bricks, 10c.
Large Family Dippers, 10c.
Short Eye Augers, 1 3/4" 90c.
Good Rim Lock and Knob complete, 30c.
Milk Strainers Pail, 55c.

Never before have goods been sold so cheap in Wetaskiwin as at present. Now is the accepted time to get anything you want in our line.

JACOBS' HARDWARE and FURNITURE Store.

To meet new settlers, there are New Goods at New Prices, which are lower than ever.

At The Great Department Store.

"Never Undersold."

"Never Undersold."

Dry Goods

Our spring stock of staple and fancy dry goods is arriving daily. Wide awake buyers will profit by visiting the emporium at an early date as many of the specialties will soon be gone.

House Furnishings

New Lace Curtains, new Curtain Muslins, new Carpets, new Linoleums, new Rugs, new Oil Cloths, new Window Blinds. All carefully selected of newest designs.

Dress Goods

Silks and Trimmings. In these lines we are offering entirely new lines. In Silks all the staple lines are well represented and at prices lower than ever before quoted.

We have imported a new line of P. de Chene Silk, suitable for Blouses and Trimmings. Extra heavy weight in all colors.

We make this a leader at 60c.

Groceries

Snap: for this week:—

Cereal Health Foods, Shredded Wheat Biscuits, regular price 20c, now 2 for 25c. Blue Ribbon Breakfast Food, regular 20c, this week 10c.

Also all other Breakfast foods, such as Grape Nuts, Maltia Vita, Force, at cut prices.

We have a special Mocha and Java Coffee at 3 lbs. for \$1. Also the famous Tetley Teas.

Fresh and Dried Fruits, Spices, Currants, Raisins, in fact a full assortment of domestic groceries. We are in a position to give best satisfaction to family trade.

We have a large stock of the famous Lake of the Woods Flour.

Ontario Honey—choice.

Clothing

We have just opened out as choice a range of Men's, Boys' and Youths' clothing as has ever been shown on this market. Our suits have all the style, fit and finish of custom made clothing. We can show suits from \$5 up to \$20. Overall or dress suits, take your choice. We have 5 or 6 FUR COATS left which we will sell at a great reduction rather than carry them over.

Hats

We have just opened up our Men's hats, latest styles in cowboy, hard and soft felts. Prices right and values best.

Furniture

We are well stocked in furniture and are selling it at rock bottom prices. You can furnish your home throughout from our stock at surprisingly low prices. A bedroom suite for \$13.75. A sideboard for \$13. A large extension dining table for \$10. All kinds of chairs, rockers, reclining, dining, kitchen; parlor suites, elegant and cheap.

There is not a room in the house that we cannot furnish for you

Hardware

Builders and Contractors would do well to get our prices. We have full lines in Door Locks, Hinges, Nails, Building Papers, Oils, Glass, Paints, Varnishes. We have the best paints sold in Canada. Call and get a sample card.

The James Smart Co.'s cook stoves cannot be beaten. We have them.

Builders' tools of all descriptions. We have some new washing machines in this week—they are daisies.

We have a splendid stock of Tinware just in.

We are still selling the unequalled Baker Barb Wire at \$4.40 per cwt. in 500 lb. lots.

Grocery

Cups, Saucers, Plates in white and colored wares. Fancy China-ware in Cups, Vases, Placques, Match Safes, Pin Trays, etc.

Lamps, hanging or stand, in glass or nickel. Lamp Chimneys, and Fruit Jars.

Boots & Shoes

Our stock is now complete and our values unrivalled. We have boots for all ages. We have some specialties that should be seen—they are just what you ought to have. A full range of rubbers to suit every person. The boys will need a pair of rubber boots and we have them.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1903

Town Topics.

*A. J. Lormer sells farm lands.
Jas. Quinlan spent Saturday and Sunday with Edmonton friends.

M. E. O'Brien was at Edmonton this week on professional business.

*Photographs at \$1 per dozen at Brown's Studio, Wetaskiwin.

Miss Jamieson went to Edmonton on Monday evening to visit friends.

Will Facey has accepted a situation as clerk in Fowler, Murdoff & Breen's department store.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Woodman of Bigelow, Minn., are the guests of their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Everts.

The old Queens hotel was moved to Mrs. Anderson's lots on Railway St. E., last week, and will be fitted up as a dwelling house.

R. C. Switzer was at Red Deer this week attending a convention of the L.O.L., which met there on Wednesday and Thursday.

For Sale—50 head two and three year old heifers. Apply to J. W. Pittman, Geo. Lane and stable, Wetaskiwin.

See the famous Shakespearian play "The Merchant of Venice," in Herie's Hall next Wednesday evening. It is presented by an excellent company.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson extend their sympathy in the sad trouble they have just gone through in the loss of their infant child.

The new Mastey-Harris implement warehouses were completed this week, and without doubt are the best on the C. & E. line. The agents here have taken possession, and are now to be found on Railway St. W.

*Read J. W. Pittman's farm ads. in this issue. It will pay you.

W. O. Ritchie returned on Wednesday evening a train from a business trip to Assiniboia.

F. L. Murdoff was at Edmonton for several days of the past week, combining business and pleasure.

*I want your farm to sell. A. J. Lormer, office 1st door north of the Criterion hotel.

Frank Purdy was in town renewing acquaintances this week. He left on Wednesday morning for Ponoka.

J. J. Duggan, of Strathcona, was in town Wednesday, en route to Dried Meat Lake on business connected with his cattle ranch.

A masquerade ball will be held in Herie's Hall on Tuesday evening, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

H. H. Porter, a former employee in A. R. Dickson's store, was in town renewing acquaintances last week. He has accepted a situation as brakeman with the C.P.R., to run east and west from Calgary.

"The Strollers" advertising an Indian medicine, have been playing to packed houses during the week. They put up a clean and interesting entertainment, interspersed with the little medicine spiel customary with troupes of this kind.

Mr. Nyman came in on Saturday's train from Los Angeles to join Mrs. Nyman, who has been visiting here for some time. They will now reside in this district.

A couple of sleighing parties, consisting of some fifteen souls, left town last Friday evening to give a surprise party to a friend in the country. Everything went merrily along until the party lost their way on the road home, owing to the trail being filled in by the fresh snow. After wandering through snowbanks and around brush for time indefinite, they were compelled to call a halt and build a fire to keep from freezing. In the morning they were surprised to find that they were less than two miles from home and comfortable beds.

Smith and Miller, Duhamel.

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For 30 Days only.

We have bought very heavily in preparation for bad roads and we find that we are already overcrowded while five more carloads are on the way.

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For the next thirty days we shall sell at cost price all winter goods. We shall offer snaps in Underwear, Clothing, German Sox, etc., that will startle you.

Our spring stock is large and complete in all lines and is being marked much closer than ever before.

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